

Annapolis, Md., December 5th, 1906.

The Board of Public Works of Maryland, this day, met in the private office of the Governor at Annapolis at 11.50 a. m.

Present: Governor Warfield and Treasurer Vandiver.

The Governor presented the order of Baldwin and Pennington, Architects, to pay to R. E. Strange & Sons \$1,500.00 on account of their contract for painting the dome and the old State House.

On motion of the Treasurer the amount was ordered paid from the appropriation for "painting and repairs to state buildings in the City of Annapolis," under Chapter 809, Acts of 1906.

On motion of the Treasurer, the bill of C. C. Fulton & Company for \$33.83, for advertising proposals for supplies for the Court of Appeals, etc., was ordered paid out of the contingent fund of the Board of Public Works,

On motion of the Treasurer the bill of the Easton Gazette amounting to \$30.00 for advertising the sale of the State's interest in the Easton National Bank stock, of Easton, Maryland, was ordered paid.

A letter from Attorney General Bryan, Jr., recommending that the claim of the State against the Equitable Fire Insurance Company of Snow Hill and the Delaware Insurance Company of Dover, Delaware, was laid before the Board of Public Works.

"Baltimore, Nov. 21, '06.

Dear Governor:-

I enclose a copy of a letter I have written to the State Comptroller, advising him to authorize a settlement of the State's claim against the Equitable Fire Insurance Company of Snow Hill and against the Delaware Insurance Company of Dover, Delaware, by waiving the interest.

The Law requires every compromise to be made by the written consent of the Governor and the Treasurer.

Please confer with the Comptroller and let me know whether a settlement is approved.

Yours truly

William S. Bryan, Jr.

Attorney General

Hon. Edwin Warfield,

Governor &c.,

Annapolis, Md."

Copy.

Nov. 21, 1906.

Dear Sir:

The State of Maryland, at the time of the great fire in February, 1904, had a policy of insurance issued by the Equitable Fire Insurance Company of Snow Hill, on Tobacco Warehouses, Nos. 1 and 2, and Annex to Nos. 1 and 2, for \$8750. The Equitable Fire Insurance Co., reinsured the risk in the Delaware Insurance Co., of Dover, Delaware, and then went out of business.

A suit is pending on behalf of the State against the Delaware Co., and if the State should fail to win this suit, it has a right to proceed in Equity against the stockholders of the Equitable Insurance Company, to compel the payment by them out of what they, as Stockholders, received from the property and funds of the Equitable Company. In this proceeding I think the State should ultimately succeed, but the litigation might be tedious and expensive.

The whole matter can be settled by the State's accepting the full amount of the loss and waiving its interest thereon - the Delaware Company paying about \$7000. of this amount, and the Equitable Company the balance.

It is in my judgment, a wise business measure for the State to assent to this settlement. You are authorized to make this settlement, should you deem it wise to do so, by Ch. 351 of the Acts of 1906.

I advise you to assent to this settlement. The Governor and Treasurer must, under the law, assent in writing to this settlement.

I have sent a copy of this letter to each of those gentlemen. Please let me hear from you.

Yours very truly,

William S. Bryan, Jr.,

Attorney General.

Hon. Gordon T. Atkinson,

Comptroller, etc.,

Annapolis, Md. "

General Vandiver moved that the Attorney General be authorized to make the settlement with the two companies recommended by him, and that the State waive its claim for interest. Carried.

On motion of the Treasurer, the Governor was requested to remit

all above \$100.00 of the fine imposed upon Tully Price, captain of the boat "James A. Garfield," owned by Captain Thomas Webster, for violation of the Oyster Laws.

On motion of the Treasurer, the Board, at 12.05 adjourned.

Cornell Gilman

Secretary.